



Attorney Docket 017700-0143

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Yukihiro KOMATSU  
Title: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING  
METHOD AND VISUAL INSPECTION SYSTEM  
Appl. No.: 09/672,901  
Appl. Filing Date: 09/29/2000  
Examiner: A. Carter  
Art Unit: 2625

**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)**  
**TRANSMITTAL**

**Mail Stop RCE**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. § 141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. § 145 or § 146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114: (check items that apply)

a. Previously submitted:

☒ Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on  
September 23, 2004.

b. Enclosed are:

☒ Submission Under 37 CFR § 1.114(c).

Miscellaneous:

☐ Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_ months.

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02 FC:1252 430.00 OP

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$790.00	= \$790.00
Total Claims:	11	- 20	= 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents	7	- 7	= 0	x \$88.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:				+ \$300.00	= \$0.00
CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:					= \$790.00

**[ X ] Applicant hereby petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:**

<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	0	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$430.00		\$430.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$980.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,530.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,080.00		\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$430.00
EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID: -			\$0.00
EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$430.00
CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$1,220.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
TOTAL FEE:			\$1,220.00

☐ Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$0.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

**☒ A check in the amount of \$1,220.00 to cover the RCE filing fee and two (2) month extension of time is enclosed.**

**☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.**

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date November 22, 2004

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